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Board Members
Little Valley Community Services District
306-653 Seymour Lane
Little Valley, CA 96056

TRANSMITTAL OF CITATION NO. 01-02-16(C)-017

Dear Members of the Board,

The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) Division of Drinking Water has issued the Little Valley Community Services District a citation, which is attached.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Katie Connaughton at (530) 224-4870 or me at (530) 224-4800.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. McNamara".

Michael J. McNamara, P.E.
Lassen District Engineer
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Enclosure

cc: Richard Hinrichs, P.E., Chief – Northern California Section, DDW, Redding

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

TO: Little Valley Community Services District
305-653 Seymour Lane
Little Valley, CA 96056

Attn: Board of Directors

**CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,
TITLE 22, SECTIONS 64675 and 64675.5 - WATER SYSTEM NO. 1800516**

CITATION NO. 01-02-16(C)-017

Issued on July 08, 2016

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the issuance of a citation to a public water system for violation of the California Safe Drinking Water Act (Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270) (hereinafter “California SDWA”), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division (hereinafter "Deputy Director"), hereby issues a citation to the Little Valley Community Services District (hereinafter, Little Valley CSD), located in Little

1 Valley, for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 64675
2 and 64675.5.

3 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

4 **Section 116650 of California Health and Safety Code provides:**

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6 (a) If the Division determines that a public water system is in violation of
7 this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted
8 thereunder, the Division may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation
9 shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service
10 shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of
11 the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery
12 of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

13 (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the
14 violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order,
15 citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

16 (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the
17 condition constituting the violation.

18 (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in
19 subdivision (e).

20 (e) The Division may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one
21 thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for
22 each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for
23 each violation.

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25 **California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64675, subsection (b) provides**
26 **in relevant part:**

1 (b) During each period, each system conducting reduced tap sampling shall
2 collect at least one sample from the number of sites based on the
3 number of people served specified in table 64675-A under Reduced Tap
4 Sampling, as follows:

5 (1) The sites shall be representative of the sites required for standard
6 tap sampling.

7 (2) The samples shall be collected during the months of June, July,
8 August, or September, unless the Department approves an
9 alternate set of four months based on a review of the system's
10 operations and lead and copper data, in which case the system
11 shall initiate sampling during the alternate set of four months when
12 directed in writing to do so by the Department, as follows:

13 (A) No later than 21 months after the previous period, if sampling
14 annually, or

15 (B) No later than 45 months after the previous period, if sampling
16 triennially.

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18 **California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64675.5, provides, in relevant**
19 **part:**

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21 (a) A system shall conduct standard tap sampling for two consecutive
22 periods; thereafter, tap sampling frequency may be reduced pursuant to
23 section 64675 (General Requirements for Tap Sampling for Lead and
24 Copper) as follows:

25 (1) If a system has 90th percentile levels that do not exceed 0.005 mg/L
26 for lead and 0.65 mg/L for copper for two consecutive periods, it

1 may reduce the sampling to once every three years at the reduced
2 number of sites;

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4 (2) For systems that do not meet the criteria in paragraph (1), after two
5 consecutive periods with no action level exceedance, the
6 frequency may be reduced to annually at the reduced number of
7 sites, if the system receives written approval from the Department
8 based on its review of the system's data. After sampling for three
9 years (including the initial sampling year) with no action level
10 exceedance, the frequency may be reduced to once every three
11 years at the reduced number of sites, if the system receives written
12 approval from the Division.

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14 (b) If a system demonstrates for two consecutive periods that the difference
15 between the 90th percentile tap sampling lead level and the highest
16 source water monitoring result for each period is less than the reporting
17 level for purposes of reporting (DLR), pursuant to subsections 64678(a),
18 (b), and (c) or that the source water lead levels are below the method
19 detection level of 0.001 mg/L and the 90th percentile lead level is equal
20 to or less than the DLR for each period, the system shall conduct tap
21 sampling once every three years.

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23 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

24 Little Valley CSD operates a community water system that serves a population of 100
25 with 50 service connections. The water system includes one active groundwater well
26 (Well 01) that operates year round.



1 In accordance with Section 64675, Title 22 of the CCR, Little Valley CSD is required
2 to conduct reduced routine tap sampling for lead and copper at a frequency of once
3 every three years during the period of June through September at a minimum of 5
4 residential sites. Little Valley CSD failed to complete reduced tap sampling for lead
5 and copper during the monitoring period of June through September 2015.

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7 **DETERMINATION**

8 The Division has determined that the Little Valley CSD violated Section 64675 (b) and
9 Section 64675.5, Title 22 of the CCR, in that the Little Valley CSD failed to conduct
10 reduced tap monitoring for lead and copper.

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12 **DIRECTIVES**

13 Little Valley CSD is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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- 15 1. Comply with Sections 64675 and 64675.5, Title 22, of the CCR by conducting
16 tap sampling immediately and providing results to the Division no later than
17 September 30, 2016.
 - 18 2. Provide public notice of the violations as required by Section 64463.4 and
19 Section 64465, Title 22, of the CCR, by no later than August 08, 2016.

20 Notification shall be completed in accordance with each of the following:

- 21 a. Mail or direct delivery of the notice contained in Attachment 'A' to
22 each customer of the Little Valley CSD.
- 23 b. Provide the notice contained in Attachment 'A' either by publication in
24 a local newspaper to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing
25 or direct delivery, by posting in conspicuous places within the service
26 area, or posting on the internet.

1 Changes and/or modifications to Attachment 'A' shall not be made unless
2 approved by the Division.

- 3 3. Complete and return Attachment 'B' entitled "Compliance Certification" by
4 **August 20, 2016.** A copy of the notices used to provide public notification
5 shall be attached to the form.

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7 All documents required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Division to the
8 following address:

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10 Michael J. McNamara, P. E.
11 Lassen District Engineer
12 State Water Resources Control Board
13 Division of Drinking Water
14 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101
15 Redding, CA 96002
16 (530) 224-4800

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18 Nothing in this Citation relieves Little Valley CSD of its obligation to meet the
19 requirements of Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4 (California
20 Safe Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard or order issued or
21 adopted thereunder.

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23 The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it may
24 deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be
25 issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

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27 **PARTIES BOUND**

28 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon Little Valley CSD, its officers,
29 directors, shareholders, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

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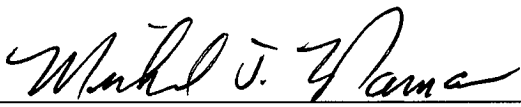
SEVERABILITY

The Directives of this Citation are severable, and the Little Valley CSD shall comply with each and every provision thereof, notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California SDWA authorizes the Board to: issue a citation with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the Board; and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the Board. The Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

July 08, 2016
Date


Michael J. McNamara, Lassen District Engineer
Northern California Section
Division of Drinking Water
State Water Resources Control Board

Attachments:

- 'A' Public Notification: *Important Information about Your Drinking*
- 'B' Compliance Certification Form



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

**Failure to Monitor for Lead and Copper in the Distribution System
Little Valley Community Services District**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. Every three years, Little Valley Community Services District (CSD) is required to monitor the distribution system for lead and copper at five residential locations. The CSD failed to collect these samples in the required monitoring period between June 2015 and September 2015.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time may experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years may suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level may experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children may show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years may develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it were, you would have been notified immediately. Previous monitoring of lead and copper showed concentrations below the regulatory action levels and we do not suspect that levels have increased.

What happened? What was done?

The CSD is required to conduct lead and copper in the distribution system immediately to achieve compliance with monitoring requirements and verify compliance with regulatory action levels.

For more information, please contact Ted Crum at (530) 336-5118 or 306-653 Seymour Lane, Little Valley, CA 96056.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Public Water System Name Little Valley CSD

Public Water System No. 1800516

 The attached notice was posted in the following conspicuous places:

I hereby certify that the above information is factual.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____